

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, 18-year old Sunisa “Suni” Lee was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, where she still resides with her six siblings, Shyenne, Jonah, Evionn, Lucky, and Noah along with her parents, Yeev Thoj and John Lee, who came to Minnesota as refugees from Laos alongside thousands of members of our Hmong American community who continue to call our community home; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunisa started gymnastics when she was just 6 years old at the Midwest Gymnastics Center in Little Canada, Minnesota just north of the City of Saint Paul where she still trains to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 12 years, Sunisa has continued to grow as a gymnast, demonstrating incredible skills, drive, and commitment leading to her competing across the country, and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Tokyo 2020 United States Women’s Gymnastic Olympic Team, Sunisa is the first Hmong American Olympian; and

**WHEREAS**, following her incredible performance which helped our U.S. Women’s Gymnastic Team win a silver medal in the women’s artistic team all-around final, today, we celebrate Sunisa’s Olympic Gold Medal in the Tokyo 2020 women’s artistic individual all-around gymnastics competition; and

**WHEREAS**, we join members of our Hmong American community, along with all those in Saint Paul, throughout the state of Minnesota, across our nation, and around the world in celebrating Sunisa Lee, and in thanking her for inspiring all of us.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Melvin Carter, Mayor of St. Paul, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be:

## ***Sunisa Lee Day*** ***in the City of Saint Paul***

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-One.*

  
Melvin Carter, Mayor

